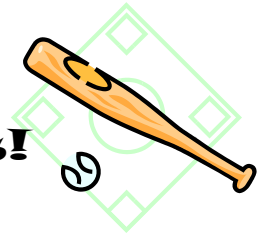




# GET IN THE GAME!

Score with these sports stories for teens!



Cochrane, Mick

**The Girl Who Threw Butterflies** (2009)

Molly's ability to throw a knuckleball earns her a spot on the baseball team, which helps her feel connected to her recently deceased father and with other aspects of her life.

Cohen, Joshua

**Leverage** (2011)

Danny excels at gymnastics but is bullied by members of the football team, until a new student joins the football team and forms an unlikely friendship with Danny.

Cross, Shauna

**Derby Girl** (2007)

Life gets better, but more confusing for Bliss when she secretly joins a roller derby team under the name "Babe Ruthless" as an escape from her beauty pageant-obsessed mother.

Crutcher, Chris

**Whale Talk** (2001)

Intellectually and athletically gifted, TJ shuns organized sports and the gung-ho athletes until he agrees to form a swim team and recruits some of the less popular students.

Deuker, Carl

**Payback Time** (2010)

Mitch reluctantly agrees to be the sports reporter for the high school paper and finds a real story in Angel, a football player who hides his talent and his past.

Feinstein, John

**Rush for the Gold: Mystery at the Olympics** (2012)

In their latest sports mystery, Stevie and Susan are teen sports reporters trying to solve a mystery at the 2012 Olympic Games, while one simultaneously competes in swimming.

Fichera, Liz

**Hooked** (2013)

Invited to become her varsity golf team's only female member, Fredericka pursues a scholarship dream only to be challenged by Ryan who resents her replacing his teammate.

Green, Tim

**Best of the Best** (2011)

Determined to play in the Little League World Series, Josh struggles to concentrate on his game while coping with his parents' divorce. Sequel to **Rivals** (2010).

Halpin, Brendan

**Shutout** (2010)

Amanda and Lena are looking forward to playing varsity soccer together, but when Amanda doesn't make the team, their long friendship rapidly changes.

Headley, Justina Chen

**Girl Overboard** (2008)

After a snowboarding accident, Syrah must rehabilitate her knee and her self-esteem while forging relationships with those who accept her for who she is.

Kenneally, Miranda

**Catching Jordan** (2011)

Jordan leads her high school football team as captain and quarterback, but the new guy in town threatens her starting position.

Koertge, Ron

**Shakespeare Makes the Playoffs** (2010)

Kevin Boland is a poet and first baseman, torn between his girlfriend Mira and Amy, a fellow poet. Sequel to **Shakespeare Bats Cleanup** (2003).

Korman, Gordon

**Pop** (2009)

High school quarterback Marcus Jordan befriends a retired professional linebacker who is great at training him, but whose childish behavior keeps Marcus in hot water.

Lipsyte, Robert	<b>Center Field</b> (2010) Mike lives for baseball, but is distracted by the competition from a new teammate, an ankle injury, problems at home, and that there is something sinister going on at school.
Lupica, Mike	<b>The Batboy</b> (2010) Even though his mother feels baseball ruined her marriage, she allows Brian to become a bat boy for the Detroit Tigers, who have just drafted his favorite player back onto the team.
Lupica, Mike	<b>True Legend</b> (2012) Drew "True" Robinson is the best point-guard in high school, but learns the consequences of fame through a former player and from the man who expects to be his NBA manager.
Murdock, Catherine	<b>Front and Center</b> (2009) Football season may be over, but basketball is about to begin, and if D.J. thinks she can escape the attention and pressure that her star power brings, she is mistaken. This completes the trilogy <b>Dairy Queen</b> (2006) <b>The Off Season</b> (2007)
Ockler, Sarah	<b>Bittersweet</b> (2012) Hudson gave up her promising competitive ice skating career at 14, but when she gets a chance to coach the boys' hockey team, she realizes that she is not through skating yet.
Padian, Maria	<b>Out of Nowhere</b> (2013) Performing community service as punishment, soccer star Tom has to tutor a Somali refugee with soccer dreams of his own.
Quick, Matthew	<b>Boy21</b> (2012) When Finley's basketball coach asks him to mentor a new African American student, he finds that they have a lot more in common than he thought they would.
Schmidt, Gary D.	<b>Trouble</b> (2008) Trying to live up to the legacy of his athletically gifted brother who was killed in an accident, Henry wants to hike Mount Katahdin and along the way discovers the truth about his brother.
Sharenow, Rob	<b>The Berlin Boxing Club</b> (2011) In 1936 Berlin, Karl learns to box from the legendary Max Schmeling while struggling with the realities of the Holocaust.
Shull, Megan	<b>Amazing Grace</b> (2005) Grace is the new "it" girl in tennis, but she is realizing that being a teen sensation isn't all that it is cracked up to be. Fame and fortune are calling, but all she wants to be is normal.
Sonnenblick, Justin	<b>Curveball: The Year I Lost My Grip</b> (2012) After an injury ends former star pitcher Peter's athletic dreams, he concentrates on his new interest as the sports photographer.
Tharp, Tim	<b>Knights of the Hill Country</b> (2006) In his senior year, high school star linebacker Hampton Greene finally begins to think for himself and discovers that he might be interested in more than just football.
VanDraanen, Wendelin	<b>The Running Dream</b> (2011) When an accident leaves Jessica an amputee, she returns to school with a prosthetic limb and her track team finds a way to help rekindle her dream of running again.
Volponi, Paul	<b>The Final Four</b> (2012) Four players at the Final Four of the NCAA basketball tournament struggle with the pressures of tournament play and the expectations of society at large.
Zadoff, Allen	<b>Food, Girls, and Other Things I Can't Have</b> (2009) Andrew, the second fattest student at his high school, joins the varsity football team to get the attention of a new girl on whom he has a crush.